



MONROE THIS WEEK

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GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading my weekly newsletter. I am grateful to serve the Monroe community and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov. Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



MAYOR HAPPENINGS

Memorial Day Weekend

On this Memorial Day weekend, please join me in honoring and remembering members of our Armed forces who fell in service. Some events this weekend include: Flags of our Fallen 5K at Lake Tye on Saturday, May 26, 2018, an informal gathering where I will place a wreath at the Veterans Memorial at Lake Tye on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7 a.m., and a [Memorial Day](#) ceremony at Monroe IOOF cemetery at 11 a.m.

Meeting with DelBene Staff

Thank you Congresswoman DelBene for the opportunity to meet with you staff on Thursday, May 24, 2018. I appreciated the update on issues at the federal level including the Farm Bill, immigration, and efforts to curtail opioid addiction. I look forward to continuing to work with our city council and your office in efforts to improve US2 and SR 522 and to end homelessness in our community.

Webelos Pack 39

It was a pleasure meeting with the Webelos Pack 39 from the Maltby area on May 23, 2018. We discussed the three branches of government, the rights and responsibilities of a person living in our country, SR 522, and issues in and around Monroe.

Sky River Park Playground Equipment Ribbon Cutting

Please join me and our city council for the ribbon cutting on May 31, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Thank you to our Parks and Recreation staff, Sitelines, and our City Council for your roles in replacing the old playground equipment with new items at Sky River Park. The playground replacement was funded primarily from revenue

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EVENT HAPPENINGS

05/26	Flags for our Fallen 5K, Lake Tye Park, 9:30AM, \$40 Mark Galloway 150, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM 14 th Annual Pow Wow, Monroe High School, 6PM
05/27	Sean Peters Memorial Truck Derby, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM
05/28	Memorial Day, City Hall Closed
05/29	City Council Study Session Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM CANCELLED
05/31	Sky River Park Playground Equipment Ribbon Cutting, Sky River Park, 4:30PM



City of Monroe Year-to-Date Comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$1,626,669

'18 to 04/30/18: \$1,627,483

UP \$814 or .05%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'17 to 04/30/17: \$558,360

'18 to 04/30/18: \$486,811

DOWN \$71,549 or -12.81%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$17,156

'18 to 04/30/18: \$18,639

UP \$1,483 or 8.64%

Business License Fees

'17 to 04/30/17: \$16,217

'18 to 04/30/18: \$16,784

UP \$567 or 3.49%

Building Permit Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$209,949

'18 to 04/30/18: \$192,668

DOWN \$17,281 or -8.23%

Planning Fee Revenues

'17 to 04/30/17: \$11,301

'18 to 04/30/18: \$8,775

DOWN \$2,526 or -22.35%

SFR Permits April

'17 to 04/01-30/17: 20

'18 to 04/01-30/18: 17

SFR Permits YTD

'17 to 04/30/17: 50

'18 to 04/30/18: 47

Multi-Family Permits (#units)

'17 to 04/30/17: 0

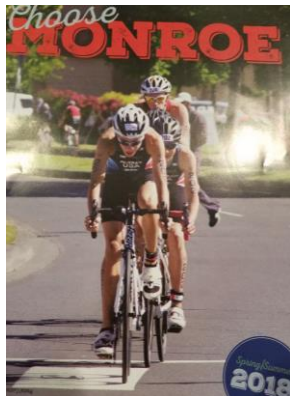
'18 to 04/30/18: 0

Inspections YTD

'17 to 04/30/17: 1043

'18 to 04/30/18: 612

(Park continued) by homes sales and new residential development. Our youth will benefit from this playground for years to come.



Choose Monroe Magazine

Thank you to the City Council, staff, our partners, and the business community that placed ads in our new Choose Monroe Magazine. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to promote the Monroe community and the Sky Valley area, including our businesses and recreational opportunities. If you would like a printed copy please contact Pam Baker at 360-863-4524. You can also check out the flipbook on the city's website at www.monroewa.gov.

Downtown Monroe Association Meeting

Thank you to our PD personnel for your community outreach in our Downtown! Following a great meeting with the Downtown Monroe Association Meeting on Monday, May 21, 2018, Sergeants Steve Clopp and Rick Dunn took to the streets for conversation with some of our downtown merchants. I appreciate your work in meeting with our business community at the DMA meeting and going door to door meeting with downtown businesses. This community



outreach and community is of great value. The

Sergeants received some very positive feedback and appreciation of improved access to their businesses since the passage of the new Sit / Lie Ordinance. Officers are expanding community policing with a continued partnership with our downtown businesses.

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Tuesday, May 29, 2018, Monroe City Council meeting is cancelled.

CITY HAPPENINGS

2019 Lodging Tax Funding Round Starting Soon!

It's that time of year again. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be soliciting applications for 2019 tourism activities/festivals beginning this July. To help prepare for this year's funding round, the City will be hosting two open houses, June 13, 2018, and June 20, 2018, to answer questions from potential applicants. Both sessions will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers from five to six p.m. If you are thinking about applying but aren't sure if your event qualifies, or you have questions regarding the application itself, feel free to stop by our open houses to chat with the advisory board's staff liaison, Finance Director Becky Hasart.

This year's funding timeline and application packet can be found on the City's website [here](#). While the official call for applications won't begin until July 2, 2018, feel free to download the application early so you can be sure to get your questions answered at our open houses.

**THE ADVENTURE
STARTS HERE!**

New Electronic Permit System

The City of Monroe has launched an Electronic Plan Review process. This new process will allow City staff and applicants to complete the entire permitting process from submittal to permit issuance electronically. Our goal is to streamline the permitting process, eliminate paper waste and reduce expenses associated with in person submittals. Please contact the Permitting Division of Community Development at 360-794-7400 or visit City Hall for more information.

Sky River Park Playground is now open

Please join us for a ribbon-cutting celebration at the playground on Thursday, May 31 @ 4:30pm. NOTE: a new drinking fountain is on back order, as well as a tot swing apparatus and both will be installed ASAP. In the meantime, there are drinking fountains located outside of the two restrooms at the park. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible including our City Councilmembers, Parks Advisory Boardmembers, city staff and Sitelines Park and Playground Products. The park is located at 413 Sky River Parkway, behind the Boys & Girls club and Monroe Senior Center.



14th Annual Pow Wow

The 14th Annual Traditional Pow Wow is this Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Monroe High School. Grand Entries are at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be a free dinner served. Admission is free too! Click [here](#) to view the proclamation.

Safety Reminders!

With the Memorial Day holiday weekend coming up, people are starting to prep their bar-be-ques for outdoor grilling. It is important to remember a few safety tips before you fire up the grill. Before you grill for the first time, ensure the grill is properly cleaned. Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and all grills should be placed away from the home, deck railings and overhanging branches. Create a three foot perimeter around the grill to keep kids and pets safe. For more grilling safety tips visit <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/safety-tip-sheets>.